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SUBJECT: END-USE CHECK/MUNITIONS CONTROL AKAH-FRANCE

REFS: STATE 084708; PARIS 15767; MC CASE NO. 35295

1. EMBASSY EDO WAS INFORMED BY JEAN-LOUP BOMBECKE, DIRECTOR OF AKAH-FRANCE THAT REFERENCE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR 1,000 RIOT GUNS WAS REQUESTED TO COVER ONE YEAR'S SUPPLY WHICH IS SOLD EXCLUSIVELY TO FRENCH RETAILERS. HE REPORTED THAT SINCE JULY 1976 AKAH-FRANCE HAD BEEN IMPORTING ON A MONTHLY BASIS APPROXIMATELY 100 AND 130 RIOT GUNS. (12 GAUGE, "SELF DEFENSE", WEAPON MANUFACTURED BY HIGH STANDARD CO., LOCATED IN CONNECTICUT) TO MEET RETAIL ORDERS. BOMBECKE CLAIMS THAT THE RETAILERS SELL THIS GUN TO WILD PIG HUNTERS AND PEOPLE LIVING IN THE COUNTRY WHO USE THE GUN FOR SELF-DEFENSE PURPOSES.

2. CONCERNING THE REVOLVERS (COLT), BOMBECKE STATED THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF REVOLVERS CITED IN LICENSE APPLICATION WAS IN FACT CONSIDERABLY IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL AMOUNT ON ORDER WHICH CURRENTLY WAS ONLY ABOUT 150 REVOLVERS. BOMBECKE SAID THAT THE APPLICATION WAS MADE TO COVER POSSIBLE FUTURE ORDERS (FROM RETAIL STORES) ALLEVIATING NECESSITY OF HAVING TO
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RESUBMIT ADDITIONAL MUNITIONS LICENSE APPLICATIONS. AKAH-FRANCE JUST RECENTLY RECEIVED FRNEHC GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT REVOLVERS AND THIS APPLICATION REPRESENTED ITS FIRST U.S. ORDER.

3. BOMBECKE INFORMED EDO THAT AKAH-FRANCE IS STRICTLY A WHOLESALE WHICH SELLS EXCLUSIVELY TO

FRENCH ARMS RETAILERS. IT IS A SUBSIDIARY OF A WELL-
KNOWN WEST GERMAN ARMS DEALER, ALBRECHT KIND, 5270
GUMMERSBACK, 31 HUMSTEG, POSTFACH 310145. ACCORDING
TO BOMBECKE, KIND REPRESENTS SMITH AND WESSON SALES
IN WEST GERMANY. LOCAL POLICE CHECK OF AKAH-FRANCE,
AT REQUEST OF EMBASSY, HAS TURNED UP NO DEROGATORY
INFORMATION EITHER ON THE FIRM ITSELF OR THE MANAGERS.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF LICENSE TO AKAH-
FRANCE, ON CONDITION THAT LICENSE APPLICATION,
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE REVOLVERS, MORE
CLOSELY REFLECT THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF ITEMS ON ORDER.
HAVING DRAWN REFERENCE EXPORT APPLICATION TO ATTENTION
OF FRENCH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT
THAT POSSIBILITY OF ILLEGAL SUBSEQUENT DIVERSIONS IS
MINIMAL. REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT OMC KEEP EMBASSY
INFORMED OF ACTUAL NUMBERS OF ITEMS EXPORTED UNDER
REFERENCE LICENSE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER POST-
DELIVERY CHECK ON REFERENCE LICENSE APPLICATION IS
REQUESTED.
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